WRITTEN ANSWERS T0 QUESTIONS.

Poor Financial assistance for Ayurveda and Homeopany Systems of ivicacne

*44. SHRI D1GVIJAY SINGH :
SHKI SATYA PRAKASH MALAV1YA :

WiU the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from the funus allocated for medical treatment 97 persent are spent onlyon Anopatny system of medcine and only 3 per cent on Our system of *INCREANCS SCAN* as Ayurveda, nomeopatny despite those being popular;

(b) i£ so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in wis regard by World Health Organisation or by any other agency;

(d) it so, whether any report has been submitted to Government;

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereon; and

(1.) me reasons for the poor financial assistance to me Ayurveda and tiomeo-patay ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRl *B.* SHANKARANAND) : (a), (b) and (f) The Central Annual Wan ouuay for inuian Systems or Medicane ana nomeopatny for 1993-94 is Rs. 21.25 crores as compared to total plan outlay of *Rs.* 483.30 crores in Health Sector. Lower allocations tor these systems as compared to aiiopamy are primarily on account of die treatment being cheaper, less equipment oriented and not requiring extensive hospital facilities. frurtner, a large proportion or the outlays m the neaitn sector are m respect or National disease conuoi pio-grammes which do not have a component of these systems. The plan outlays for ISM&H is being stepped by 40% in 1993-94 as compared to the previous year. 3—147RSS/94

(c), (d) and (e) Two reports by National Council of Applied Economic Research and the results of the 42nd round of National Sample Survey are availaole, which indicate the extent of reliance cc allopathy & ISM&H by households.

Leakage of Gas in Godavari Basin

*45. DR YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL *GAS* be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is constant leakage of gas from the drillings in Godavari basin:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the total toss of gas alongwith its value;

(c) what steps have been taken to arrest the same; and

(d) what precautions are being taken to avoid such accedents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATF OF THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SAT ISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) During the drilling operations at Komaradal well in East Godavari District, a blow out occu-red on 20-3-1993 which was controlled on 15-4-1993. Since this was an uncontrolled flow of fluids from the well it was not possible to measure the quan.um of gas coming out of the well.

(c) The services of M/s. Neal Adams Fire Fighters Inc. USA had been requisitioned by ONGC and an Action Plan for capping the well was drawn up. Accordingly by employment of the "Dynamic kill" me hod by cutting the drill pipe and thereafter pumping heavy mud, the blow out has been brought under control on 15-4-1993.

(d) Mud of suitable specific gravity is used while drilling, and blow out preventer (BOP) is installed over the well head. Monitoring of the operations, inspections, checks and hydraulic tests have been further strengthened.

Dual Pricing Policies

*46. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased v» state :

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 18th February, 1993 to the effect that the decanalisation of petroleum products in the country may lead to black marketing;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to re-examine the policy of dual pricing for petroleum products;

(c) Whether Govemmnet are aware that common man would be most affected due to the dual pricing policy;

(d) if so, the reaction of Govemmeirt thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF *THE* MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM ANP NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATlSH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In order to increase the availability of LPG and kerosene in the country in addition to what is available at controlled prices through Public Sector Companies; Government has decided *to* allow their import and sale at market prices by private agencies. Measures to prevent diversion of lower priced products and black-marketing have been incorporated in the system. Increased supplies in the market will reduce the scope for Hack marketing.

Recommendations mads by Association of State Road Transport Undertaking

*47. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether an annual meeting of State Road Transport Undertakings was held recently at New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the Association of State Road Transport Undertakings had made several recommendations to the Central Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to accept and implement the recommendations; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the rea-isons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) An Annual Conference of all State Transport Undertakings was held on 19-3-1993 at New Delhi.

(b) and (c) The Association of State Road Transport Undertakings, vide their letter No. ASRTU/1419/265 dated 23-4-1993 have informed the Government that the following recommendations had been made for consideration of various appropriate authorities ;—

1. National Tariff Commission should be set so as to advice each State on bus fare Structure based on sound economic factors and scientific criteria so as to cover input costs and also to generate surpluses needed for expansion.

   Decisions connected with periodical fare increases should be taken out of the purview of political decisionmaking authorities and instead should be based on input cost index.